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Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute species 1, shown in figures 1-7 and covered by claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12, 13, 15-18, 22, 30-35. Applicant makes the election with traverse.

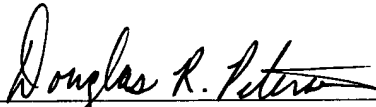
Under MPEP §803, it is stated that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent distinct species. The examiner here will have to conduct the same or very similar search for each species because each of the species discloses a stent having rings that are connected together with a link formed of a polymer.

Further, independent claims 1, 17 and 30 are generic claims because they read on each of the five species. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Applicant encourages the examiner to contact the undersigned should there be any further questions in regard to this application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account no. 06-2425 for any inadvertently omitted filing fees that should arise in connection with the filing of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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